

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP: 3763

Docket: 34083/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| First Named Inventor: | Andreas Reinmann | |
| Appln. No.: | 10/789,943 | Confirmation No.: 5798 |
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| Title: | Membrane, Membrane-Cannula Combination, and Connecting Device | Group Art Unit: 3763 |

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 6, 2007, for which reconsideration is requested, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.